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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF:

CHEYER ET AL.

APPLICATION No.: 09/271,617

FILED: March 17, 1999

FOR: **EXTENSIBLE SOFTWARE-BASED
ARCHITECTURE FOR
COMMUNICATION AND
COOPERATION WITHIN AND
BETWEEN COMMUNITIES OF
DISTRIBUTED AGENTS AND
DISTRIBUTED OBJECTS**

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Request for Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. §132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application, filed on or after June 8, 1995.

See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

**Mail Stop RCE
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Sir:

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 of the above-identified application.

Note: 37 C.F.R. §1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

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1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. §1.114

- a. ☐ Previously submitted
☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 (Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered.)
☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on
☐ Other
- b. ☒ Enclosed Amendment and Response and three sheets of corrected drawings for Figs. 6, 7, and 17.
☐ Supplemental Amendment and Response and marked-up version of claims
☒ Return postcard

2. Fees *The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. §1.114 when RCE is filed.*

- a. ☐ Please charge the amount of \$_____ for the RCE, three month extension of time, one extra independent claim, and Terminal Disclosure fees, as well as any underpayment in fees for timely filing of this transmittal and enclosures to Deposit Account No. 50-2207.
- b. ☒ Enclosed is Check No. 687 in the amount of \$375.00 to cover the following fees.
- ☒ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(e)
- ☐ Other
- c. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge any underpayment in fees (or credit any overpayments) to Deposit Account No. 50-2207.

Respectfully submitted,
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